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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

IMEU-SWF-PWE

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum #3-2, Car Wash Policy

1. References:

- a. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, 21 Feb 97
- b. USAG Schweinfurt Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy, 25 Sep 03
- c. Federal Law on the Avoidance and Elimination of Wastes, 1 May 02
- d. Federal Regulations Covering the Protection of Drinking Water Supply (Trinkwasserschutzverordnung) 21 May 01
- e. Federal Water Act, 19 Aug 02

2. Purpose: To provide a policy for privately owned vehicle (POV) car washing within the United States Army Garrison Schweinfurt.

3. Scope: This policy applies to all POVs located within the USAG Schweinfurt geographical area.

4. Policy:

a. German law regulates vehicle washing within the USAG Schweinfurt. We will comply with these laws and help local efforts to protect the environment. German police enforce this law and ticket violators.

b. Unless properly performed in an appropriate location, washing of POVs pollutes the environment by releasing car grease and oil combined with detergents into the public sewer system. Procedures for proper car washing, in compliance with German law, are as follows:

(1) Do not wash or rinse POVs with water on public areas, it is strictly prohibited. Public areas include city, state, or federal owned roads, parking areas, or grounds (e.g. parks).

This policy memorandum supersedes policy memorandum #3-2, dated 9 November 2005, and remains in effect until rescinded.

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(2) Personnel may wash POVs on private areas, if limited to car body washing with plain water on a paved area connected to the sewer system. Private areas include housing area parking lots, installations, and driveways (if you reside on the economy). Do not use detergents/soaps. Do not wash the undercarriage or the engine.

(3) Personnel may wash POVs at selected U.S. installation washracks connected to a petroleum-oil-lubricant (POL) separator. Use only special, PH neutral soaps and cleaners (e.g. dishwashing liquid, store-bought car wash cleaners) for POV washing at these locations. Specifically prohibited for use are chlorinated and petroleum-based solvents such as gasoline, trichloroethylene, methanol, etc. Wash the undercarriage and engine only when preparing the vehicle for stateside shipment. Military vehicles have priority use when washing at installation washracks. Do not use any soaps for military vehicle washing. Authorized installation POV washracks are:

* Conn Barracks, recycling washrack, Bldg #1181.

* Conn Barracks, Auto Skill Center, Bldg #49.

(4) Public car washes sponsored by community groups must also use the above approved washrack facilities. The Garrison Commander is the approval authority.

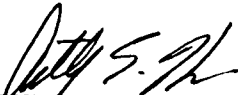
(5) Do not conduct vehicle maintenance (e.g. oil change, brake job, etc.) at any of these locations. Use the Auto Skills Center located at Conn Barracks, Bldg #49 for all maintenance.

(6) Carwash facilities are also available on the economy. These facilities also comply with German law.

c. Building Coordinators are responsible for enforcing this policy within housing areas.

5. The point of contact for this policy is the USAG Schweinfurt DPW Environmental Division at DSN 354-6795.

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